Thai SOLT I

Module 6 Lesson 6

Culture and Society

At the end of the lesson, the students will be able to discuss social sciences. Under this Terminal Learning Objective, the students will be able to:

1. **Discuss government related activities.** This task will include:
   - Discuss social activities in the newspaper
   - Discuss politics
   - Discuss socio-economic changes
   - Discuss arts and entertainment
   - Discuss economy
   - Discuss environmental issues
   - Discuss education

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Social activities in the newspapers

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[illegible] [illegible] Mr. Richard E. Hecklinger
[illegible] [illegible]
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Exercise 1
Look at the pictures above and tell: who, what, when, where?

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Exercise 2
Answer the questions in Thai based on the excerpt from an English newspaper below.

The United States supports Thailand's defense position in its stand-off with Burma, Admiral Dennis Blair, the Commander in Chief of the US Pacific Command said yesterday. "The support that we have for Thailand in patrolling its border is an important part of our policy." Admiral Blair was here to open the 20th Cobra Gold military exercise joined by Thai, US and Singaporean forces, and to discuss anti-drug co-operation with Thai authorities.

Questions:

1. [illegible]
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]
5. [illegible]

Socio-economic changes

Tip of the Day In an era where phrases such as 'Information Technology' and 'Globalization' are now clichés in their own right, Thailand has also invested heavily in technology, both as an important tool for development, and in certain areas such as the manufacture of integrated circuits, in establishing its own manufacturing capability. High technology manufacturing now represents some 20% of the country's exports.

Exercise 3

Read the excerpt from an article in the box below and answer the question that follows.

[illegible]

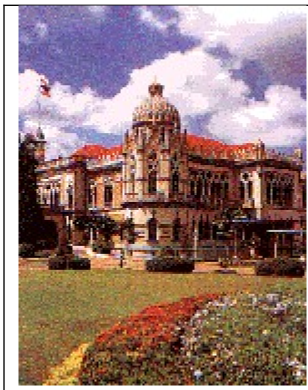
(Translation)

The present economic problem affects everyone, including governm ent officials. The Government has a policy to reduce costs. All unnecessary budget items must be cut in order for the country to survive. The soldiers' mission is to defend the country and strictly follow government policy. The soldiers should ask permission from their commander to ensure their second jobs are legal, ethical and do not disgrace the military. In addition, soldiers who are in positions of responsibility should not take advantage of their positions to benefit themselves.

What statement best describes the paragraph above?

1. The recession only affects the poorest people.
2. The Government must increase spending to support the military.
3. The soldiers' mission is to follow their commander's orders.
4. Soldiers should be allowed to supplement their military pay.
5. Soldiers should use their own judgment to work at a second job after duty hours.

Politics



Government House

Government: Thailand is governed by a democratically elected government with H.M. Bhumibol Adulyadej as Head of State. Under the constitution, the Parliament is comprised of 200 Members in the Senate and 500 elected Members of the House Representatives. The Prime Minister is an elected MP and is selected from among the members of the House of Representatives.

Bangkok Metropolitan Administration comes under an elected governor and is divided into 36 districts. Besides Bangkok, there are 76 provinces administered by appointed governors and divided into districts, sub-districts, and villages.

Exercise 4

Discuss the structure of the Thai government using the information above as a guideline.

Example:

[illegible]

[illegible]

Exercise 5

Write a short outline of the candidates for the US presidential elections 2000 and the party they belonged to.

Exercise 6

Below is a list of Thai political parties as of 2000. Compare and contrast these political parties with that of the US by judging what the party may stand for by their names alone.

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

Arts and Entertainment

In the purely classical performance arts, Thai drama and dance are indivisible. We can categorized Thai performing arts into six groups as follows:

- □□□ (Mask Drama)
- □□□□□ (Dance Drama)
- □□□□ (Folk Drama)
- □□□□□□□□ (Shadow Play)
- □□□□□□□□□ (Southern Shadow Play)
- □□□□□□□□□□ (Hun marionettes)

□□□□□□□□□□

Hun marionettes, seldom seen today, are superbly crafted figures which differ from European marionettes in that they are manipulated from concealed threads pulled from below rather than above. A more popular version is hun krabok (literally "cylindrical model") which are similar to Punch and Judy style hand puppets.

The □□□□□□□□□, a more popular shadow play found mainly in the □□□□□□, closely resembles the Indonesian wayang. Beautifully □□□□□□□□□ fashioned figures are smaller than their □□□□□□□□ counterparts and are often constructed to have one moveable part-an arm, a leg, or a chin. Concealed from audiences, the manipulators are skilled singers and comedians whose repartee keeps the action bubbling.

 □□□□□	The Kanok is an essential part of traditional Thai paintings, sculpture and wood-carvings. It is an integral part of Thai architecture being used as ornamental decoration.

Tip of the Day From an early dependence on agriculture, the economy now rides high on a strategic mix of manufacturing and service-based industries. In terms of foreign exchange, tourism continues to provide the biggest source of revenue with over 6,000,000 visitors expected during 1995. Other leading earners are textile and garment manufacturing and, more traditionally, the export of rice.

Economy

Exercise 7
The following is an economic report of Thai trade with ASEAN countries in 2000 and the first quarter of 2001. What does this indicator show us? As a class, identify the most valuable and the least valuable trade countries and the years of gain or deficit. Using the vocabulary in this lesson to discuss the meaning of this chart in class.

[illegible] [illegible] 2543-2544 ([illegible].– [illegible].)
[illegible]:[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]		[illegible]	
	2543	2544	2543	2544	2543	2544
[illegible]	51,920.6	53,370.1	31,464.1	36,111.8	20,456.5	17,258.3
[illegible]	23,546.5	29,447.7	27,239.7	36,207.9	-3,693.2	-6,760.2
[illegible]	13,819.8	17,022.1	10,281.7	16,203.4	3,538.1	818.7
[illegible]	9,917.6	10,516.8	7,913.2	13,281.2	2,004.4	-2,764.4
[illegible]	6,432.4	8,738.6	3,509.4	4,028.2	2,923.0	4,710.4
[illegible]	145.4	478.7	3,857.7	4,758.9	-3,712.3	-4,280.2
[illegible]	4,796.0	3,994.8	1,719.7	8,065.9	3,076.3	-4,071.1
[illegible]	2,902.7	4,665.8	602.1	1,183.5	2,300.6	3,482.3
[illegible]	4,228.7	4,429.8	55.3	212.7	4,173.4	4,217.1
[illegible]	117,709.7	132,664.4	86,642.9	120,053.5	31,066.8	12,610.9

□□□□□□	18.75	18.76	16.47	16.89	-	-
□□□□□	510,206.4	574,619.8	439,424.6	590,879.6	70,781.8	-16,259.8
□□□□□□	81.25	81.24	83.53	83.11	-	-
□□□□□□□□□	627,916.1	707,284.2	526,067.5	710,933.1	101,848.6	-3,648.9

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Tip of the Day

One of the most visible signs of Thailand's continuing economic growth is the ever-changing skyline of the country's main cities. Second or third-time visitors to Bangkok in particular, will not fail to notice the new Skytrain, office towers, residential apartments, hotels and shopping malls which thrust their glistening new faces skywards almost daily.

Exercise 8
Read the result of the Thai shares below and answer the questions that follow.

[illegible] **14 [illegible].[illegible]. 2544**

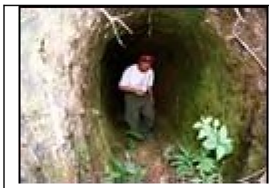
- [illegible] 5,447.71 [illegible]
  - [illegible] 307.53 [illegible]
  - [illegible] 3.40 [illegible]

[illegible]([illegible]/[illegible]) - [illegible]/US$ 44.29/45.67

1. What was the value of the trading Thai shares as of May 14, 200 1?
2. What did the Stock Exchange of Thailand Index close at?
3. How many points lower?
4. What was the exchange rate on that day?

Environment issues

Exercise 9
Read the text and put an X in the box in front of the topic relevant to the text.

	[illegible]

☐ [illegible]

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ปัญหาการขนส่งมวลชน
ปัญหาหาบเร่แผงลอย
ปัญหาการจราจร

Exercise 10

Listen to the instructor read a passage and fill in the missing words in the paragraph below.

[illegible] ______ [illegible]

[illegible]

- [illegible] ____________________ [illegible]

[illegible]

- [illegible]

___________ [illegible]

[illegible]

- [illegible]

________ [illegible]

[illegible]

- [illegible] __________ [illegible]

Exercise 11

Select the main idea of the Thai passage below:

a. The government’s policy on recycling
b. Environmental protection
c. Socio-economic development

[illegible]

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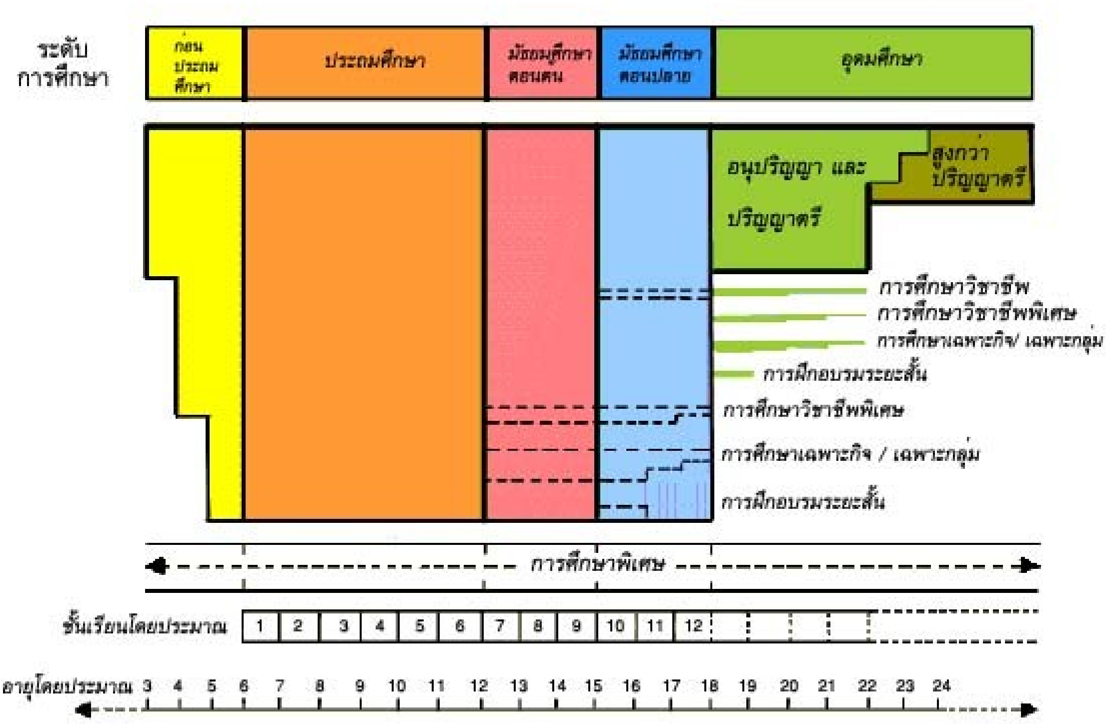
Education System Profile



*NoteAction is being implemented:

- All individuals will have equal rights to receive basic education free of charge (12 years)
- Education will be compulsory for 9 years.

Exercise 12
Answer the following questions based on the chart above.

1. How many levels in the Thai education system are there?
2. Name all the levels of the Thai education system in Thai.
3. At what level is education compulsory?
4. At what education level can you start vocational education?
5. How many years does a student spend in secondary education?

Schools for children with special needs

1. [illegible] ([illegible])

   - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

     [illegible] ([illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]))

   - [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 50170 [illegible]. (053) 261-639

2. [illegible]

   - [illegible]

     [illegible] ([illegible])

   - [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 54000

3. [illegible]

   - [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

     [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible])

   - [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 40000 [illegible]. (043) 246-493

Exercise 13
Put X in an appropriate column based on the information of each sc hool above.

	[illegible] 1	[illegible] 2	[illegible] 3
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[illegible] - [illegible] [illegible]			
[illegible]			

[illegible]			
[illegible]			
[illegible]			
[illegible]			
[illegible]			
[illegible]			
[illegible] - [illegible]			

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Exercise 14
Read the article below and answer the question.

[illegible]

The paragraph is about

1. Special Education
2. Education Act
3. Increase standard of education in the rural areas

No new grammar has been introduced.

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[illegible] to appoint, confer a title

[illegible]
The Prime Minister will appoint his Cabinet within the next week.

[illegible] to be appointed

[illegible]
Pol. Lt. Col. Thaksin Shinawatra, Chief Thai Rak Thai Party, has been appointed as Prime Minister.

[illegible] to choose, pick out, select

[illegible]
Which political party will you choose?

[illegible] to choose, select, sort out, pick out

[illegible]
Where will the induction take place?

[illegible] to be chosen (something, e.g. chairman)

[illegible]
Khun Ying Chodchoi Sophonphanit is chosen to b e one of the most prominent figures of the year.

[illegible] to choose, elect

[illegible]
The governor of Bangkok comes from an election.

[illegible] to be elected (something, e.g. preside nt)

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Mr. George W. Bush is elected as 43rd US President.

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[illegible]	dispute, controversy
[illegible]	pre-primary education (age: 3-5)
[illegible]	gain (as in the operation of a business)
[illegible]	loss, deficit (as in the operation of a business)
[illegible]	trade
[illegible]	traffic
[illegible]	anti-drug
[illegible]	import
[illegible]	administration
[illegible]	short term job training
[illegible]/[illegible]	special group education
[illegible]	satellite education
[illegible]	vocational education
[illegible]	special vocational education
[illegible]	export
[illegible]	garbage
[illegible]	co-operation
[illegible]	provinces
[illegible]	trade balance
[illegible]	children in poverty
[illegible]	to be selected
[illegible]	to be elected
[illegible]	to be appointed
[illegible]	sub-districts
[illegible] ([illegible])	Visual Arts
[illegible]	Prime Minister
[illegible]	to comprise
[illegible]	democracy
[illegible]	primary education
[illegible]	Head of State
[illegible]	4-year graduate
[illegible]	problem
[illegible] - [illegible] ([illegible])	day school
[illegible]	an impact
[illegible]	governor (province level)
[illegible]	stall, sales booth
[illegible]	Liberal Democratic party
[illegible]	Solidarity Party
[illegible]	Thai Party

[illegible]	The Thai Democracy Party
[illegible]	Thai Rak Thai Party

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[illegible]	political party
[illegible]	Social Action Party
[illegible]	New Aspiration Party
[illegible]	Chart Thai Party
[illegible]	National Development Party
[illegible]	Thai Citizen Party
[illegible]	Democrat Party
[illegible]	Palang Dharma Party
[illegible]	Mass Party
[illegible] - [illegible] [illegible]	bodily handicap
[illegible]	hearing handicap
[illegible]	mentally handicap
[illegible]	pollution
[illegible]	lower secondary (age: 12-14 / 3 years)
[illegible]	upper secondary (age: 15-17 / 3 years)
[illegible]	value
[illegible]	to honor
[illegible]	education level
[illegible]	industrial waste treatment system
[illegible]	constitution
[illegible]	government
[illegible]	Minister
[illegible]	Parliament
[illegible]	mineral
[illegible]	Literature
[illegible]	Members of the Senate
[illegible] ([illegible])	Performing Arts
[illegible]	Architectural Arts
[illegible]	national artist
[illegible]	economy
[illegible]	Members of the House Representatives
[illegible]	categories
[illegible]	chemical elements
[illegible]	poisonous elements
[illegible]	environment
[illegible]	post graduate level
[illegible]	kindergarten
[illegible]	2-year graduate

[illegible]	boarding school
[illegible]	districts

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[illegible]	post secondary
[illegible]	industry

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Below is a translation from a Thai government news release. As you read it, consider if it presents an effective or measurable PSYOP campaign plan.

Culture Campaign Against Economic Crisis

Thai Culture Fights off Economic Problem

Crisis Year 1998 is to be sadly remembered as the year that Thailand was caught in a grave national economic crisis. The baht currency was in a steady decline in value since it was allowed to float in mid 1997, resulting in price increases, bankruptcy of businesses, and mass lay-offs. There was a sense of urgency and need for all Thais to rally for alleviating suffering, to turn crisis into opportunity and to withstand the crisis until the recovery of the national economy. The Office of the National Culture Commission is doing its share and among its responsibilities has mustered cultural resources which include a cultural network and its allies to launch a national campaign. Its objective is to urge the Thai to buy Thai, eat Thai, visit Thailand first, and join in the movement to step up saving and become more and more self-reliant. With the cooperation of both private and public organizations, the Project " Thai Culture Fights off Economic Crisis" is launched with the following objectives

First: To help strengthen individuals and communities in their determination to become self-reliant -economically, psychologically and socially and to rediscover the values of Thai traditional wisdom with a sense of pride.

Second: To campaign for the Thai to cut down on spending , consume less and espouse the notion of simple living.

Third : To campaign for the Thai to hone their awareness on Thai cultural values, sense of pride and satisfaction in buying Thai, eating Thai and visiting Thailand first.

Fourth : To encourage the Thai to unite their effort and determination to fight off economic crisis with compassion toward one another, to disseminate Thai cultural values through Thai products and services to be used by non Thai and visitors to

Thailand -with the aim of persuading non-Thai to buy Thai, eat Thai and visit Thailand.

To realize the five objectives, the Office of the National Culture Commission organizes a series of festivals on “ Thai Culture Fights off Economic Crisis”

The first Festival was organized during 2-5 April B.E.2541 at Thailand Cultural Center, Office of the National Culture Commissions.

The second Festival was organized during 13-15 August B.E.2541 also at Thailand Cultural Center, Office of the National Culture Commissions.

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Activity 1

Read the excerpt and provide a summary in English.

[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] (Satellite Education) [illegible] 6 [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]. [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]

Activity 2 (Pair Work)

One student is a journalist and the other is a spokesman for the Thai Minister of Defense. The journalist is interviewing the Thai spokesman about the dispute between Thailand and Myanmar (Burma). The two countries have long contested ownership of the 32 square kilometers of land on Doi (mountain) Lang. Thailand claims it is a part of Chiang Rai's Mae Ai district. The Burmese military Junta say that it is deep inside Burma. Ask and answer each other about the present situation and any other relevant information. Use the news report as a guide. Reverse the roles. The journalist must take notes in Thai.

News report: Reacting to the Burmese demand that Thai troops vacate Doi Lang, Lt-Gen Wattanachai of the Third Thai Army said simply, in his normal tone of voice, "If Burma insists that Doi Lang belongs to them and attempts to use force to push our troops back...then this could mean war. "He made it clear that the Thai army will never retreat from the disputed area. Earlier this month, a unit of pro-Rangoon Wa soldiers captured Hua Lone Hill, about 400 metres into Thai soil. The Third Army knew that the outlaw fighters had taken the hill only to protect their large drug production plants and trafficking routes within the area. Several days of counter-attacks by the Third Army drove the jungle fighters away. Since then the sporadic shelling from Burmese Army mortars has broken out over the disputed areas of Doi Lang. The mortar shells sometimes land in villages and cause damage.
Doi Lang was once a military base for drug warlord Khun Sa, whose Muang Tai Army was defeated by the UWSA in 1981. Burma subsequently reinforced its troops stationed on the mountain, drawing strong protests from the Thai army, which has traditionally also deployed its troops there. In some areas Thai army outposts are located just a few hundred metres from Burmese stations. In last week's letter of protest, Burma claimed that 26 Thai positions on Doi Lang were encroaching on

Burmese territory.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had been expected to sign a memorandum of understanding on drug suppression on a scheduled trip to Rangoon some time next month.

Amid the recent confusion, a source simply says the premier's schedule has yet to be finalized.

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Activity 3 (Pair Work)
Write a report about the interview you had with each other in the previous activity. These reports will be published in the school newspaper.

Activity 4
Listen as the instructor reads the following news report about the Bangkok Political Declaration in Pursuit of a Drug - Free ASEAN 2015. Write a summary in English in the space provided.

Write the summary here:

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Activity 5
Read the article below and be prepared to answer questions from your instructor about the article.

[illegible]-[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Istvan Szentivanyi [illegible]

การต่างประเทศสาธารณรัฐฮังการีเพื่อแลกเปลี่ยน ความคิดเห็นทางด้านเศรษฐกิจ และการค้าร่วมกัน

วันที่ 25 เมษายน 2544 เวลา 10.00 นาฬิกา ณ ห้องรับรอง 1 ชั้น 2 อาคาร
รัฐสภา 1 นายอุทัย พิมพ์ใจชน ประธานรัฐสภาและประธานสภาผู้แทนราษฎร ให้การต้อนรับประธานคณะกรรมาธิการการต่างประเทศ
สาธารณรัฐฮังการี และคณะ ในโอกาสเดินทางมาเยือนประเทศไทยทั้งสองได้สนทนาถึงเรื่องที่ประเทศฮังการีกำลังที่จะเข้าเป็นสมาชิกสหภาพยุโรปภายใน ค.ศ. 2004 โดยประธานรัฐสภาได้ฝากให้ทางประเทศฮังการีพิจารณาดูแลทางด้านการค้าของประเทศไทย เมื่อประเทศฮังการีได้เป็น สมาชิกสหภาพยุโรปเรียบร้อยแล้ว ซึ่ง
ประธานคณะกรรมาธิการการต่างประเทศ สาธารณรัฐฮังการีพร้อมที่จะให้ความช่วยเหลือแก่ประเทศไทยและหวังว่าจะได้รับความช่วยเหลือจากประเทศไทยในการติดต่อทางด้านการค้ากับประเทศในแถบอาเซียนต่อไป

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Activity 6
Match the Thai education levels with their definition.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]/[illegible] [illegible]	education level pre-primary education (age: 3-5) primary (age: 6-8 /compulsory / 6 years) lower secondary (age: 12-14 / 3 years) upper secondary (age: 15-17 / 3 years) post secondary 2-year graduate 4-year graduate post graduate level vocational education special vocational education special group education short term job training

Activity 7
Use the text below as a source of information to answer the following questions in Thai.

Thailand Hopes Fund Will Help a Dull Economy
Bloomberg News Bloomberg News Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Thailand plans to establish a fund of at least 100 billion baht ($2.2 billion) to buy shares of listed and privately held companies, an effort to lift the country's sagging stock market and to provide capital for cash-strapped companies.

Foreigners are expected to provide 75 percent of the proposed fund, while the government will have a 25 percent share, Finance Minister Somkid Jatusripitak said after a cabinet meeting. He did not say when the investments would begin.

"We received overwhelming interest in the fund from foreign investors during my trip to Hong Kong last week," Mr. Somkid said.

Thailand's SET stock market index fell 23 percent in the past year as slowing economic growth turned investors away. The economy may grow as little as 2.5 percent this year, the central bank estimated.

The fund will give Thai companies a fresh source of funding for new investments and expanding production. Banks, saddled with a bad-loan ratio of almost one in five, have been reluctant to extend new loans.

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Questions:
1. ประเทศไทยมีนโยบายอย่างไรในการแก้ไขปัญหาเศรษฐกิจที่อ่อนตัวลง
2. รัฐบาลหวังการลงทุนจากต่างชาติในสัดส่วนเท่าไร
3. นักลงทุนต่างชาติส่วนใหญ่ที่ให้ความสนใจมาจากประเทศอะไร
4. เหตุใดนักลงทุนต่างชาติจึงไม่สนใจที่จะลงทุนในประเทศไทยในปีที่ผ่านมา
5. สาเหตุสำคัญที่ทำให้เศรษฐกิจชะลอตัวลงคืออะไร

Activity 8
This is a text about the environment in Thailand. Read the text and answer the questions below.

ปัจจุบันความเสื่อมโทรมของสิ่งแวดล้อมรอบตัวมนุษย์กำลังเกิดขึ้นแทบทุกแห่งในโลก
แต่ความรุนแรงของปัญหาจะแตกต่างกันไปตามระดับการพัฒนาประเทศ การพัฒนา
อุตสาหกรรม และความหนาแน่นของชุมชน ปัญหาต่างๆเหล่านี้ทุกคนจะต้องให้
ความ สนใจและร่วมมือกันแก้ไขปัญหาอย่างจริงจัง เพราะจะส่งผลกระทบถึงชีวิตความเป็นอยู่
สุขภาพอนามัยของมนุษย์ ชีวิตสัตว์และพืช

Questions:
1. ความรุนแรงของปัญหาสิ่งแวดล้อมขึ้นอยู่กับอะไรบ้าง
2. เหตุใดทุกคนจะต้องให้ความสนใจและร่วมมือกันแก้ไขปัญหาอย่างจริงจัง
3. การพัฒนาอุตสาหกรรมมีผลกระทบต่อสิ่งแวดล้อมอย่างไร

Activity 9 (Group Work)

You work in an international
environmental institution that
is planning activities to protect the
environment in

the world. Your meeting today is to discuss the plan for

one of the Asian countries. Choose any country you want.
Then, define the problems this country has. Discuss these problems and suggest solutions. Be creative in your selection of problems and use as many vocabulary words as possible.

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Activity 10 (Group Work)
Each group will divide into two parties. One party represents Thailand and the other party represents Myanmar. Give yourselves names of famous people in the parties you represent. Then, conduct a negotiation regarding the conflict between Thailand and Myanmar. Use the text below as a source of information.

Thailand and Burma exchange protest notes

A new war of words is brewing between Thailand and Burma.

It follows a demand by Rangoon that the Thai army withdraw from 35 outposts along the disputed border or face the use of force.

Thailand's Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai says Burma's ambassador will be summoned to the foreign ministry to receive a letter protesting the intrusion of a Rangoon-allied ethnic army on Thai soil.

Meanwhile, the Thai Foreign Minister rejected Burma's letter threatening force as an old issue relating to unclear border demarcation, which should be solved by a joint border committee.

A spokesman for Burma's military junta has confirmed that a note has been sent demanding Thai troops withdraw.

The latest dispute comes just a day after Thai Defense Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh said relations between Thailand and Burma were back on track after Bangkok and Rangoon accused each other of involvement in the international drugs trade.

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Activity 1
Read the article and answer the questions.

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[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible] ([illegible])
[illegible].[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]([illegible]) [illegible]	[illegible] ([illegible])

Questions:

1. What is the commemoration date for the Thai National Artists ?
2. When was the National Artists Project founded?
3. What are the categories of the awards?
4. Give the names of the artists for each category for the year 2000.
5. What category has the most artists?

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Activity 2
Listen to the instructor read a passage and answer the question below.

What does this Thai National Artist specialize in?
a. Architectural Arts
b. Literature
c. Visual Arts
d. Performing Arts

Activity 3 (Pair Work)
One of you will be given a news report about kidnapping. The other person will ask his classmate for information about this event. Give guesses to your classmate about the nationality of the kidnapped person, the country in which he/she was kidnapped, whether the police have any clues about the event. Your classmate will say yes or no. Then, ask questions like: who kidnapped the person, when he was kidnapped, what is the government saying and any other relevant questions. Ask and answer in Thai.

News report:
Foreign Minister Surakiart seeks help for 19 Thais
Kidnapped workers can't be found

Thailand has asked the Congolese government to help 19 Thai workers held there with three other foreigners by tribal militia. A similar request had gone out to the Ugandan government, which had sent troops into Congo to help. They have failed to find the group.
"We haven't been able to find them, but we are doing everything possible to rescue these people. We have teams on the ground looking for them," said a Ugandan official, who declined to be named. He said the officer in the region, Lieutenant-Colonel Burundi, had deployed forces on the ground and was "working closely with rebel leader Jean-Pierre Bemba's men. "Nineteen Thais, a Kenyan, an American and a Swiss-all employed by Thai timber company Dara Forest-were abducted at Mangina, near the eastern DRC town of Beni on Thursday by Mai Mai militias demanding the withdrawal of Ugandan and Rwandan forces.
The region is near the Ugandan border and is occupied by Ugandan troops.

"I don't have details of how they were taken or arrested. We are still investigating, but the problem is that communications with that area are very difficult," the Ugandan official said.
Mr Surakiart said the militia had also asked for ransom and talks were underway between the rebels and the DRC government.
Dara Forest has been involved in logging activities in the Congo for the last eight years and its logging concession had already expired.

-Bangkok Post/AFP

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Activity 4
You are one of the assistants to the Thai Prime Ministe (PM). Your job is to read newspapers and write reports to the PM about important news and activities in the newspapers. Read the following news report and summarize the main ideas in writing and give it to the PM (your instructor).

The Burmese military junta and Wa mountain people have joined hands in fighting against Shan ethnic rebels led by Col Yawd Serk, once a partner in crime of notorious drug warlord Khun Sa.

Yawd Serk currently commands the Shan State Army (SSA), after having split with Khun Sa in 1995.

The conflict recently spilled into Thailand when Burmese troops, in pursuit of SSA forces, crossed the Thai border in Chiang Rai and occupied Ban Pang Noon camp in Mae Fah Luang district.

The mountain ridge base offered clear visibility for Burma to shell the rival Shan army.

After Bangkok's demand for the withdrawal of Burmese troops fell on deaf ears, the fighting erupted two days later, on February 11, at Ban Pang Noon. Two Thai troops were killed and five injured, while sources reported that Burma sustained many casualties.

At one point during the clash, Burma opened fire on Thai villages in Chiang Rai's Mae Sai district, killing two civilians and damaging several houses.

Thai military forces responded by shelling Phuteng Nayong, killing several Burmese troops.

Col Yawd Serk's base at Doi Tai Liang, which has been occupied by the SSA for more than half a decade, is a strategic defensive position as well as potentially an area for major drug trafficking.

Activity 5 (Group Work)

Each member in each group will be given a text about the environment in Thailand. Read the text. Then, give a gist translation of the text to your classmates. What aspects of the environment is the text talking about?

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Activity 6 (Group Work)
You are in a conference to improve the economy in Thailand. You are Thai presenters in the conference. Each member in each group will take one side of the economy, you can consider talking about water resources, industry, agriculture, petroleum, population, business or any other relevant area. Each member of the team will define the problem and suggest solutions. Then, as a group, discuss the problems and the solutions you proposed. After the discussion, each member will write a report pertaining to the topic he presented specifying the problems, the possible solutions and his team’s reactions to the situation. Afterwards, get together as a team and combine the reports in one report and read the group report to the class.

Activity 7

	[illegible]

1. Who is the recipient of this award?
2. Who is granting the award?
3. What does the award recognize?

Activity 8
Answer the questions in Thai based on the English paragraph below.

“Anna and the King,” like the “The King and I,” was a fictionalized account of an English woman's time working in the court of Thailand's King Mongkut. Thailand refused to host production of the film, which featured Jodie Foster and “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” star Chow Yun-fat, saying it made light of the monarchy and was historically inaccurate. Thai censors banned the film,

eventually made in Malaysia, and instructed its embassies to discredit the film abroad.

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Questions:
1. ภาพยนต์ทั้งสองเรื่องเป็นเรื่องเกี่ยวกับอะไร
2. เรื่อง แอนนา แอนด์ เดอะคิงส์ นำแสดงโดยใคร
3. ถ่ายทำที่ไหน
4. เหตุใดภาพยนต์ทั้งสองเรื่องจึงถูกห้ามฉายในประเทศไทย
5. คิงส์มงกุฎ หมายถึงพระเจ้าอยู่หัวรัชกาลใด

Activity 9
Answer the questions in Thai based on the passage your instructor reads to you.

Questions:
1. ใครเป็นผู้จัดทำแบบสำรวจความเห็นประชาชน

2. ประชาชนพอใจผลงานของรัฐบาลในเรื่องใดบ้าง

3. ประชาชนไม่พอใจผลงานของรัฐบาลในเรื่องใดบ้าง

4. ประชาชนมีความเห็นอย่างไรต่อภาพรวมของผลงานรัฐบาล

5. แบบสำรวจความเห็นประชาชนครั้งนี้ทำขึ้นเมื่อไร

Activity 10
Read the article below and answer the question that follows.

การสูญเสียพื้นที่ป่าไม้ เกิดจากการเปลี่ยนแปลงของ
ระบบเศรษฐกิจสังคมและ เทคโนโลยี ซึ่งก่อให้เกิดปัญหาต่างๆ ที่มีผลต่อการทำลายป่าไม้ สรุปได้ดังนี้คือ

1. การให้สัมปทานป่าไม้ จะเป็นการเปิดโอกาสให้บริษัทที่ได้รับสัมปทานทำการ ตัดไม้โดยขาดการควบคุม

2. การเพิ่มประชากร ในช่วงก่อนปี พ.ศ. 2530 ประเทศไทยมีอัตราการเพิ่มประชากร ในระดับสูง จึงเป็นสาเหตุหนึ่งที่ทำให้เกิดการบุกรุกป่าเพื่อจับจองที่ดินทำกินเพิ่มมากขึ้น

3. การพัฒนาระบบโครงสร้างพื้นฐาน ได้แก่ การสร้างถนนเข้าสู่พื้นที่ป่าซึ่งมีหมู่บ้านตั้ง อยู่ ทำให้
ประชาชนอพยพเข้าไปบุกเบิกพื้นที่ป่าอย่างแพร่หลาย

4. การเกษตรเชิงพาณิชย์ ในอดีตคนไทยปลูกข้าวและพืชผักเพื่อบริโภคในครัวเรือน เป็นหลัก แต่ในปัจจุบันระบบเศรษฐกิจที่ต้องพึ่งเงินตรา ทำให้การเพาะปลูกเป็นไปเพื่อ การค้าทั้งสิ้น มีความต้องการพื้นที่เพื่อ
การเกษตรเพิ่มขึ้นมาก

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Activity 10 (continued)

Diminution of forest areas resulted from the changes in economic, social, and
technology. One of the factor below is not mentioned in the article, which one is it?

a. The logging companies gain access to the forest.
b. Population increase causes the need to expand areas of cultivation.
c. Cultivation changes from family consumption to commercial.
d. The government designates restricted areas in the forest.

Activity 11
This is a report about an economic conference in Thailand. Listen as your instructor reads the report aloud and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.

[illegible] ___ [illegible]

_____ [illegible] (WTO) [illegible]

_______ [illegible] 2.6 [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] ___ [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] __

[illegible] [illegible] __ [illegible]

______ [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] ________ [illegible]

_____[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

___ [illegible]_____[illegible]

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Activity 1
Render into Thai.

BANGKOK: Thai shares slipped, hit by a sharp plunge in Bank Thai shares. The Stock Exchange of Thailand Index closed down 7.22 points, or 2.4 percent, at 300.25.

Activity 2
Read the text below and answer the questions.

" [illegible]"

1. What types of industry are in the northern part of Thailand?
2. Why has the industry continued to expand?
3. Why does the devaluation of the Baht become beneficial to the business?

Activity 3
Read the following text about education in Thailand and say whether the statements below are true or false. Then, correct the false statements by writing the true ones.

[illegible]

[illegible] 45,000 [illegible] 3,100 [illegible]

Statements:

1. The fees include services other than instruction, such as library, publications, thesis support, computing facility, counseling and placement, but do not cover the cost of damage to or loss of university property.
2. The fees are charged at 45,000 Baht per year.

3. The fees are charged at 3,100 Baht per credit hour.